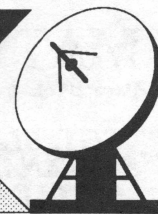


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UNDERTAKER: IS HE A ONE-WEEK WONDER?

DETROIT--By the time you receive this edition of MATWATCH, Mark Callaway as The Undertaker may be simply another answer to a WWF trivia question or may have laid the groundwork for an extended reign as a heel champion. But one year after his WWF debut and with a major assist from Ric Flair, The Undertaker defeated Hulk Hogan in 11:47 to win the WWF world heavyweight championship at the fifth annual SURVIVOR SERIES.

Flair Wins Tainted Survivor Scrap

In a match long on time and short on satisfaction at the end, Ric Flair was declared the only survivor in 24:42 of the opening eight-man SURVIVOR SERIES scramble Nov. 27 at Joe Louis Arena.

The Flair win led off a night which saw Kerry Von Erich/ Tito Santana/Jim Duggan/Sgt. Slaughter pitch a shutout against Col. Mustafa/Berzerker/Hercules/Skinner, an apparent final split between The Rockers and a finale to showcase the Legion of Doom.

**RIC FLAIR/TED DiBIASE/WARLORD/
MOUNTIE VS. RODDY PIPER/BRET
HART/DAVEY BOY SMITH/VIRGIL**

Flair ambushed Piper with a knee right off the top but Roddy rallied to crotch DiBiase at 1:40 and smooched Sherri Martel out of the ring. Roddy, Bret Hart and Davey Boy Smith worked over Ted's arm until Virgil came off the top.

Flair and Piper finally went at it at 6:20 and took it to the outside. Later, Davey Boy didn't sell Flair's chops and double clotheslined Ric and Ted. But Smith succumbed to Flair coming off the top and was the first to leave at 10:57.

Piper applied the figure-4 on Flair at 11:30 until DiBiase broke it up. Later, Warlord tossed Virgil out and Flair rammed Virg into the steel steps. Virgil managed to escape the Warlord's full nelson when Bret Hart came off the top onto Warlord's back and Piper pinned Warlord at 18:02.

At 21:30, Piper did a Curly Howard pick-2 on Flair, then didn't sell his chops. All six entered and Piper whipped Flair, who over-the-top flipped out. The ref disqualified the five in the ring and declared Flair, the only man outside, the winner. **SURVIVOR: FLAIR. RATING: DRAW.**

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The Undertaker win was the prime hook to set up this week's THIS TUESDAY IN TEXAS mini pay-per-view from San Antonio, featuring an Undertaker-Hogan rematch.

The Detroit match, which ended the eight months of Hogan's third WWF title reign, was a slow-moving affair which saw Callaway dominate and Flair clearly established as the culprit for Hogan's loss. Win or lose in San Antonio, the storyline is set for Hogan to meet Flair at WRESTLEMANIA VIII.

Hogan bowled over Undertaker's casket before entering the ring but was elbowed out at 1:25. Mark then choked and gouged and Paul Bearer choked Hogan with his urn at 3:15. After Mark missed a high elbow, Hogan rallied with clotheslines but Undertaker would not go down.

Callaway rallied to deck Hogan outside and slam him on the steel steps. He followed with a choke with mike cable, then Percy and Undertaker took turns choking. 'Taker then scored three near-falls with a nerve hold. Hogan rallied but Callaway countered with a flying fist at 8:10 and a tombstone at 9:50, which Hogan did not sell and attempted to begin his Superman comeback. Undertaker was even dropped to one knee at 10:20.

But as Hogan bounced off the ropes, Percy held onto Hulk's leg. As the referee began reprimanding Bearer, Flair dashed to ringside with a chair and positioned it for Undertaker to deliver a piledriver on the chair for the victory at 11:47. Hogan was assisted out by the road agents.

MATCH RATING: RESTHOLD-PLUS. Mark does a terrific job of selling his character as invincible but the whole affair was slow and plodding.

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CROWD ENTHUSIASM.....	3.8
ANNOUNCING.....	2.8
QUALITY OF MATCHES.....	2.3
TOTAL PRODUCTION.....	4.5
OVERALL EXCELLENCE OF SHOW.....	2.8
TOTAL RATING: 16.2	

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SGT. SLAUGHTER/JIM DUGGAN/TITO SANTANA/KERRY VON ERICH VS. COL. MUSTAFA/BERZERKER/HERCULES/SKINNER

Not surprisingly, this one was a complete wipeout of four of the lower-card WWF heels. Santana and Steve Keim opened the action but Slaughter scored the first fall, eliminating his 1985 archrival Khoslow Vaziri in 7:58 with a clothesline.

Berzerker came in with a foot-in-face on Sarge for a two-count. But Sarge rallied to crotch John Nord three times on the ropes. Several tags and exchanges later, Santana eliminated Hercules at 12:17. Sarge then put out Skinner a minute-15 later.

Sarge and Duggan then began a two-man workover on Berzerker, who was pinned by Duggan at 14:18 with a clothesline. *SURVIVORS: Duggan/Slaughter/Santana/Von Erich.*

MATCH RATING: RESTHOLD-PLUS. Santana and Sarge actually did the best work in this one but it was a nothing special and predictable matchup.

BUSHWACKERS/ROCKERS VS. BEVERLY BROS./NASTY BOYS

This one was significant for the split of the Rockers and featured the most consistent work of the night. But Gorilla Monsoon's announcing (*see adjoining column*) was horrendous.

The Bushwhackers opened by battering ramming all four heels and the Rockers added a double dropkick and neck-breaker. But Jerry Saggs rallied to pin Luke Williams at 5:22 for the first elimination.

Sean Michaels scored a near-fall with a flying cross body block on Brian Knobbs at 6:27 and Butch Miller followed with four clotheslines. But Bo Beverly came in for a spike slam on Butch for a pin at 10:16.

Then, in a Marty Jannetty vs. Bo standoff, Jannetty scored with a Frankensteiner but only for a 2-count. Sean then came in and was worked over but recovered to eliminate Bo with a backslide at 13:55.

Marty tagged in at 16:07, and slammed Knobbs but Sean was kicked and pinned at 19:27 (even though Monsoon claimed never to have seen it). Marty, now with a 1-on-3, was tossed over-the-top at 21:08 but rallied to post Knobbs and fly onto him. Back inside, Jannetty had Knobbs rolled up in a package but with the ref distracted, Saggs reversed the advantage and Knobbs pinned Marty at 23:13 holding the rope. *SURVIVORS: Nasty Boys/Blake Beverly.*

MATCH RATING: DRAW....the Rockers and Nasties had some nice action but the Beverlys and Bushwhackers really went through the routine.

LEGION OF DOOM/BIG BOSSMAN VS. NATURAL DISASTERS/I.R. SCHYSTER

With Jack Tunney barring Randy Savage and Jake Roberts from this one, this was not only anticlimactic but severely diluted from the original five-on-five format of *SURVIVOR SERIES*.

Early on, Hawk press-slammed I.R.S. into Typhoon and dropkicked him on top for a two-count. But Rotunda used his steel case to pin Bossman at 6:24.

Animal was worked over for nearly three minutes but Hawk tagged in at 10:05 and pinned Typhoon at 10:40 when

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In frustration over I.R.S.' faux pas, Earthquake left with Typhoon, shouting at Schyster. Hawk then powerslammed I.R.S. before posting his own shoulder when he missed a block. Mike tossed out Hawk and rammed him into the steps. Animal tagged in at 14:50 and scored with a quick powerslam and double clothesline.

Irwin walked away but Bossman returned to chase him back in and he fell victim to an Animal suplex and clothesline off the top at 16:23. *SURVIVORS: L.O.D.*

MATCH RATING: RESTHOLD. Why can't we finally see John Tenta do a job? The voluntary departure cheapened this one and L.O.D. simply aren't the old Road Warriors.

SURVIVOR SIDELIGHTS

Titan was projecting a 3.0% buy-rate for *SURVIVOR* and 1.5 for *THIS TUESDAY IN TEXAS* but I bet they never get it. While the Thanksgiving weekend delayed any figures, one leading distributor we talked with said unless the late buy-in was heavy for last Wednesday, *SURVIVOR* would probably score in the 1.7-2% range....Speculation was running heavy over the weekend the belt would be held up after Tuesday night, carrying over to the Jan. 18 ROYAL RUMBLE with Flair likely to win it and be declared WWF champion....This is being written Sunday night, so if Undertaker-Hogan was not the last match on Tuesday, Hogan did not get it back. The only pay-cable show McMahon has never ended with a babyface win was the first *SURVIVOR* when Andre the Giant d. Bam Bam Bigelow in the finale....Gorilla Monsoon did perhaps the worst call of any major show in history. And Bobby Heenan, other than a few good lines was off his usual game. For one thing, Monsoon missed Sean Michaels being pinned and never acknowledged his error. Second, he tried to make Marty Jannetty out as the heel in their upcoming feud, which is blatantly wrong. Further, it was in the poorest of taste for Heenan to joke about Mike Utley of the Detroit Lions being paralyzed and to use that as a cue to plug Hogan going to visit Utley....Overall, this was simply a lackluster special and appeared to be more of a commercial to sell the sequel this week.

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WCW Expanding To Seven PPVs

ATLANTA----Following a pattern predicted by insiders early in the fall, World Championship Wrestling is planning to expand to seven live pay-per-view shows in 1992.

The lead-off show will be an edited version of the WCW/New Japan Tokyo card in early January. The company is also switching titles for its February and May pay affairs. SUPERBRAWL, headlined by a Lex Luger-Sting WCW world title match, moves to February at Atlantic City's Taj Mahal. WRESTLE WAR IV, which originated in May 1989, will move to a May date in Jacksonville FL, top-lined by a WAR GAMES.

At deadline, WCW officials had not indicated if the pay expansion will signal a reduction in arena dates, as had been forecast by a top-level insider.

Titan To Syndicate "Bodystars" Series

NEW YORK----Titan Entertainment will bring BODYSTARS, a new syndicated series to the market for a projected fall 1992 premiere date.

Designed as a video magazine version of its World Bodybuilding Federation, the half-hour weekly series will focus on training, techniques and lifestyles of top bodybuilders.

WWF executive Basil DeVito, in an interview with ELECTRONIC MEDIA, said the program will be targeted toward the male-dominant demographic on weekends.

Madusa Faces Knife Next Week

ATLANTA----Lead WCW female star Madusa Miceli has a date with the surgeon's knife next week.

Miceli suffered a broken nose during an accidental contact in a match with Bambi last week.

Insiders say Miceli's operation is scheduled next Monday but is not expected to miss many show dates.

At Least Cornette Was Lively

SATURDAY NIGHT WITH THE WOMEN

Something about a cold, stormy Saturday night on Thanksgiving weekend in Jackson TN, Jim Cornette and women's wrestling that doesn't exactly go together like turkey and dressing. But the LPWA's visit to town was somewhat like the Outer Limits marathon on TNT.

Tor Berg's women's group invaded our little town last weekend for its first national TV taping in four months. The first of the four shows airs this weekend and, to put it mildly, it was not a night to remember except for a bizarre off-broadcast incident.

Berg is employing a new format, attempting to shift more to a Japanese-style presentation. However, no ring entrance music was used for any of the women and the insertion of a number of new performers to mix with the veterans did not jell. Only in the finale, an LPWA tag title match (which featured three former WWF women's champions), was a top-level performance executed and---at that---Robin Smith's long layoff from the ring was clearly evident when she and Wendi Richter teamed against Judy Martin, one of the best-selling heels in the business, and Lelani Kai.

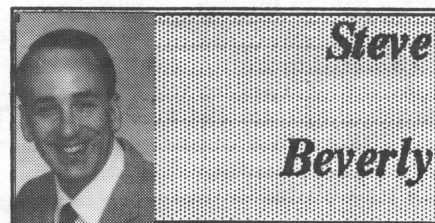
Also missing were live intros by Cornette and host Joe Pedicino. They pre-taped all of their wraparounds before the matches and the opening crowd heat which trademarked the past shows in Nevada will be lost.

This show had everything possible to jinx it: a massive storm the day and night of the show, no tickets were sold the week of the show because the Oman Arena box office manager had a death in her family and the ticket office was shut down from last Monday, local LPWA outlet WMTU was off the air for eight hours Saturday (including during the Saturday a.m. wrestling block, during which Berg had bought ads) and perhaps the show hasn't been on locally long enough. "Channel 16 doesn't even get two miles out of the county," Cornette told a TV crew member before the show, not realizing the man was from the Fox station. And then, there is the strong possibility that ladies wrestling simply doesn't ring the bell for ticketbuyers.

But the high (maybe the description should be electric) spot of the night came between the second and third match. Security was a bit lax in the building (no pun intended, though the security crew chief's name is Frank Lax) and anyone could have walked right over the mezzanine rail and reached the broadcast table. Boni Blackstone and I were talking behind Jim and Joe when, suddenly, a man who could have been a double for Grizzly Adams, sneaked behind Cornette, pulled open the right earcup to Jim's headsets and said to Cornette what I later learned is something one does not quote in a family newsletter.

You and I often saw Jim Cornette move like a cat to interfere in Midnight Express matches. We've seen him take a bump from a scaffold. We've seen his mouth move so fast, not even A.J. Foyt could overtake it at Indianapolis. But never, never have I seen Jim dash as quickly as he emerged from that table. Suddenly, Corny was spewing forth a series of counterverbiage which was equally unprintable. I said to Boni, "Heavens, this could be another North Carolina (referring to a four-year-old case in which a fan jumped Cornette and eventually landed him in court). You then had the comically-hapless scene of Joe, the LPWA's assistant director, ring announcer Ernest Harper and myself trying desperately to cajole Jim to calm down. The fan tried to bait Cornette twice more and the verbal heat intensified. Pedicino was yelling, "Calm down, Jimmy. Jimmy, forget it!" I told him, "Go sit down, Jim, he's just trying to bait you." Indeed, I'm convinced that was

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STEVE BEVERLY

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the case. The fan, who smelled and appeared to be a bit inebriated, was doing all in his power to lure Cornette into the seats and for about 45 seconds, I thought he would succeed. Finally, security arrived. Pedicino said, "I want that man out of here," and he was so escorted. But not before being allowed back into the building twice, once claiming he paid for another ticket. Finally, on his third appearance (he continued to taunt Cornette, who finally ignored him), the fan was arrested. Corny's wife, Kelly, the official photographer for LPWA, was incredibly calm through it all. One of the heckler's cohorts sheepishly told Cornette, "Hey, wait a minute, Jim, don't go after me. I've followed you for a long time." Retorted Cornette: "You've followed me, huh? Followed me. Well, as far as I'm concerned, you can follow me by following your idiot friend right out of this building!" Like I say, life in Jackson TN has been a bizarre sequence of chapters for me. In this one, I learned never to get Jim Cornette's temper boiling. Then, again, as a preacher's kid in South Georgia, we never said to people what the heckler did to Cornette.

Ironically, Jim was so livid that his call of the next TV match (a weak one between Susan Green and Samantha Paine) was inspired. All Pedicino had to do was serve up the straight lines and coast. Among his lines: "I was trying to get all of these people a bar of soap, so I could stand to be in with them all night." Or "it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog--to join the ALL-CLICHE TEAM." Some fan yelled, "What are you, Cornette?" Corny: "I'm the guy you paid to see tonight." Later, in the middle of a match, Cornette looked back at me, Boni and Kelly and yelled, "Get those All-Cliche notes down. Joe just made another one."

At best, 300 people were in the building and four shows were in the can. The consensus from the producers was that these were weak efforts. But Pedicino said, "You know, when we did those shows in Laughlin where the bugs got in the building and it was so hot and everything went wrong, I thought they'd be terrible on the air. But they didn't look nearly as bad on TV. Well, we can hope."

LPWA NOTES: This group tapes again Dec. 26 in Panama City. The Pedicinos will spend Christmas Day in Dallas taping Global...Lelani Kai and Judy Martin guested on WBBJ-TV's FRIDAY NIGHT WRESTLING PARTY with Churnin' Charlie Davis. Lelani clamped a headlock on Charlie and he's even dizzier than he was before...Robin Smith was recovering from a broken nose in a car accident, so orders came down not to shoot her overhead...Lady X (Peggy Lee Leathers) came out with an LPWA tag team belt as her singles title and a piece was missing from the strap. It was so small, it wouldn't have even fit around Boni's waist and that's a small belt...Chris Love worked the show on an outpatient permit from his doctor. He had been in the hospital with pneumonia Thanksgiving week...A number of the previous regulars have been phased out: Magnificent Mimi, Bad Girl (of Bad, Black & Beautiful), former champ Sue Sexton, Misty Blue Simmes and, perhaps, Malaya Hosaka...Tim Horner drove over from Nashville and teamed with Hosaka against Barry ("The Winner") Horowitz and Lisa Starr in two mixed matches to air on successive weeks...Cornette had lost about 40 pounds but has put back on 10 with the holiday eating. But he looks much better than in his WCW booking committee days. Pedicino has dropped about 30 and I'm on his neck to keep going...Berg has Jackson booked again April 4 but I bet he'll have a better understanding with the city on the box office situation...Wendi Richter looked great and drew a big response from the locals who braved the storm to show...Cornette is listed for a Dec. 14 date in Asbury Park NJ for the new American Wrestling Federation. He'll manage Stan Lane in a tag with Ronnie Garvin vs. The original Sheik and Sabu.

Lex No-Shows Monday Taping**Luger: Was It a Power Play?**

MACON GA----WCW world champion Lex Luger's absence from a Nov. 25 taping here was apparently for more reasons than a simple personal emergency.

Luger no-showed the tape date when, according to insiders, he became incensed over WCW's decision to phase down manager Harley Race's role in his current program. The TBS-owned company has either released or cooled the focus on all managers other than Paul E. Dangerously and Madusa Miceli. Sources close to WCW say Race has not been fired but executives want to use him strictly on TV dates and for major shows. Fans in Macon, told of Luger's no-show, were offered refunds but none reportedly claimed them.

Well-placed insiders say Luger used the situation primarily as attempted positioning to renegotiate his WCW contract, which expires in early 1993. Luger reportedly threatened to bolt the promotion if he did not get a salary on a par with former WCW champion Ric Flair's \$700,000-a-year deal. But WCW has been placed under a salary cap with performers by Turner Broadcasting and did not accede to Luger's demands and the champion was reportedly back at work the next day. Luger worked the Thanksgiving night Omni show in Atlanta.

Another source close to the company is speculating Luger is getting outside advice. "It's no secret Vince McMahon would like to have a second straight WCW world champion leave with the belt," said the source. "Luger's being told there is a pot of gold waiting for him in New York if he leaves here." The source did not specify where the outside advice might be coming from but Luger's contract is said to be iron-clad and would prevent him from working elsewhere through its end date without a release TBS would likely not be willing to give.

Luger's Thanksgiving week program vs. Rick Steiner saw him winning by disqualification when Scott Steiner ran in, despite the ring presence of Race and Curtis Hughes. Luger is expected to defend the WCW belt in February vs. Sting at Atlantic City's Taj Mahal to topline the SUPERBRAWL pay-per-view. Speculation has him becoming involved perhaps as Sting's tag partner during one of the events at the STARRCADE Battle Bowl pay-per-view Dec. 29 to set up the matchup.

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IDIOTS
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(WWF/SYN) - [CHALLENGE]:

{OPEN} Jack Tunney bars all reptiles from ringside & reinstates Randy Savage for Savage-Jake Roberts match Tuesday in San Antonio. Tunney also orders Undertaker-Hulk Hogan rematch & says he'll be at ringside for it; Berzker d. Russ Greenberg; Owen Hart/Jim Neldhart d. Barry Horowitz/Dwayne Gill; (REPLAY/MILLION \$ BELT) Ted DiBiase d. Virgil to regain belt when Repo Man bashes Virg w. belt. Tito Santana blocks Ted from stuffing \$100 in Virg's mouth & atomic drops Ted out; Virgil d. Brian Donahue; Col. Mustafa d. Al Phillips; Bret Hart d. Chris Duffy; Natural Disasters d. Mario Mancini/Jason Heddings. RESTHOLD-PLUS.
[SUPERSTARS]: {OPEN} Same Tunney announcements as on WC; Barbarian d. Mark Thomas; Bossman d. Von Krus; Ric Flair d. Glen Ruth; Sgt. Slaughter/Jim Duggan d. Paul Perez/Dale Wolfe; Davey Boy Smith d. Dave Wilson; Repo Man d. Phil Apollo. After, Repo lunges at Jamieson in crowd; (FINALE) Hogan on Undertaker rematch. RESTHOLD.

(LPWA) - Susan Sexton d. Candi Divine; Bambl d. Nasty Kat LeRoux; Glamour Girls d. Ilona Starr/Alma Alvarez; Magnificent Mimi d. Malaya Hosaka; Terri Power/Reggie Bennett d. Denise Storm/LaGata; Comrade Orga d. Allison Royal; Bad, Black & Beautiful d. Mighty Mites. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(IWF) - Incredible Thor d. Tom Sawyer; Possessor vs. Chubby MoCool double DQ; Long Riders d. Dennis Allen/Nuclear Assassin; Thunder & Lightning d. Purple Terror/Mike Dibacco; Heartbreakers d. Sonny T/Keno MacKenzie; Mondo Kleen d. Shocker. BOMB-PLUS.

(GLOBAL/SYN) - Bull Pain d. Ben Jordan; (VIGNETTE) Steven DeTruth; Black Bart/Rattlesnake Raltz d. Dogs of War; Sam Houston d. Buster Blackheart; Tug Taylor/Terry Garvin d. Barry Horowitz/Ed Robinson; Bill Irwin d. Rod Price; Mr. Mystery d. Tom Davis by DQ when Mike Davis runs in. Tug saves. Mystery takes mask off & reveals himself as Chaz. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(GLOBAL/ESPN) - [Tue.]: Gary Young d. Larry Greene; Sam Houston d. Sweet Daddy Falcone; Soultaker d. Al Perez when Eddie Gilbert runs in; Davis Bros. d. Ben Jordan/Terry Daniels. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

[Wed.]: Bart d. Mike Stetson; (REPLAY) Mike Davis/Lightning Kid attack Chaz. Taylor saves; (SEG) Tug reveals Chaz is his son; Davis d. Larry Greene; Taylor d. Frogman LeBlanc; Irwin d. Scott Anthony; Renegade Warriors d. Buster Blackheart/Tony George. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

[Fri.]: {OPEN} Marcos Villas announces Max Andrews fired as GWF commissioner; {BATTLE ROYAL} Garvin wins 12-man event to get GWF TV title shot when Taylor/Mike Davis eliminate each other; Soultaker d. Terry Daniels; (GWF TV TITLE) Gilbert d. Garvin to keep belt using trunks. DRAW.

(NEW PWTW) - [GA./1988] Tommy Rich/Joey Maggs d. M.O.D. Squad; [GLOBAL] Handsome Stranger d. Horowitz; Black Bart d. Butch Blackheart; (CLASSIC/VIDEO) Bruiser Brody plus Brody vs. Abdullah the Butcher double DQ; (LPWA) Bad, Black & Beautiful d. Starr/Alvarez; (WWC) Miguelito Perez d. Bobby Jagers. RESTHOLD.

(IWCCW) - (MIDGETS) Little Louie/Leprechaun d. Jackson Bros.; Koko B. Ware d. Cannonball; (RUMBLE SEAT) Tony Rumble w. Buddy Landell; (PWI PRESS CONF.) Equalizers. BOMB.

(SOUTH ATLANTIC)

- Wahoo McDaniel d. Crusader; Helmut Hessler d. Speedy Gonzales; Roughhouse Graham d. Tyrone Knox; Greg Bobchick d. Bubba Rose; (SEG) Manny Fernandez stripped of SAPW title; Rick Slagle d. Starman. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

SCALE: PINFALL - Must See.
PILEDRIIVER - Excellent.
POWERSLAM - Good. DRAW - Average. RESTHOLD - Fair.
BOMB - Poor. PLUS - Midscale.

(WCW/SYN) - [WCW PRO]: Johnny B. Badd d. Sonny Trout; Big Van Vader d. Rick Hardrock; Bobby Eaton/Steve Austin d. Brian Pillman/Tom Zenk; (WNN) Gordon Solle w. complete Sting-Luger-Rude saga from CLASH and Rude d. Sting to win U.S. title; Van Hammer d. Tommy Rich. DRAW.

[WORLD WIDE]: Hey, how about a boo for WMTU (Ch. 30) in Jackson? It was off the air Saturday morning for its entire wrestling block, including (for the second straight week) this one.

(SUNCOAST PRO) - [SUNCOAST PRO TAG TITLE]: Charlie Fields/Giant Outlaw d. Vern Henderson/Gator Gilmore to win belts. NO RATING.

(USWA/WMC) - Warrior d. Scorpion; (WINNER GETS SHOT AT USWA TAG TITLE) Doug Masters/Bart Sawyer d. Spirit of America/J.T. Smith when Masters rolls Spirit's trash can into J.T. when he tries flying finish; (VIDEO) Moondogs; Sandman d. T.D. Steel; (ANGLE) Eric Embry ambushes Tom Prichard as he's leaving studio but Eddie Marlin chases Embry/Tony Falk w. chair; (USWA TAG TITLE) Moondogs d. Robert Fuller (Mike Mitchell didn't show) to win belts & Fuller juices. Jeff Jarrett tries to save but is doubled & juices until he finally clears the ring w. chair; (ANGLE) Marlin agrees to give title shot to Fuller/Jarrett because of ripoff. Masters/Sawyer come out & threaten Marlin, so they demand impromptu match for title shot at Moondogs; Fuller/Jarrett d. Masters/Sawyer by DQ to get title shot when Moondogs run in. Jerry Lawler saves w. two chairs; Kevin Christopher d. Ken Raper. DRAW.

(WCW/TBS) - [POWER HOUR]: Rick Steiner d. John Faulkner; (CLASH/U.S. TITLE) Rude d. Sting to win belt; Rude d. Johnny Rich; (6-MAN) York Foundation d. Joey Maggs/Lynn Fields/Larry Santo; El Gigante d. Doug Sommers; (SUBMIT OR SURRENDER) Larry Zbyszko d. Curtis Thompson holding ropes when Curtis concedes to half-Boston crab; (MISSY DOES MAIL) Lex Luger/Harley Race on Steiner; Austin/Arn Anderson d. Eaton/Dustin Rhodes when Bobby shoulderbreakers Dustin & Austin pins. DRAW.

[WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP]: Badd d. Sgt. Buddy Lee Parker; Diamond Stud d. Scott Allen; (WCW MAGAZINE) Luger vs. Steiner from CLASH; Anderson/Eaton d. Patriots; Brian Pillman d. Cactus Jack when Van Hammer hits Cactus w. guitar neck; (WCW TV TITLE) Austin d. Arachnabrad to retain belt when Steve bashes Brad w. Paul E.'s phone; Tom Zenk d. John Peterson; (NEW JAPAN) Jushin Liger clips; (SEG) Jim Ross one-on-one w. Sting on his knee, Rude & Luger; Curtis Hughes d. Johnny Rich; (WCW WORLD TAG TITLE) Ricky Steamboat/Rhodes d. Terrance Taylor/Richard Morton to retain belts. POWERSLAM.

[MAIN EVENT]: Hammer d. The Medic; (CLASH/WCW WORLD TAG TITLE) Rhodes/Steamboat d. Anderson/Zbyszko to win belts; Sting d. Doug Sommers; Steiner d. Mike Fever; (6-MAN) Yorks d. Freebirds/Eaton when Michael Hayes accidentally hits Bobby. Eaton decks both 'Birds. DRAW.

(WWF/USA) - [SURVIVOR SERIES SHOWDOWN]: Big Bossman d. Earthquake by DQ when Typhoon/Jake run in but Legion of Doom equalizes; (FUNERAL PARLOR) Flair/Undertaker attack Hulk Hogan until Roddy Piper/Savage save; Luke

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Williams d. Blake Beverly; (SEG) Mean Gene w. Bossman/L.O.D.; (REPLAY) Uncensored version of Jake's cobra biting Randy; (SEG) Jake tells Mean Gene to "trust me" snake won't come out of bag; (MILLION \$ BELT) DiBiase d. Virgil to regain belt; (SEG) Duggan makes Slaughter flagbearer for U.S.A.; Santana d. Steve Keirn; Roddy Piper d. Hercules; (SEG) Mean Gene w. Flair team. DRAW-PLUS.

LINES OF THE WEEK

1. Bobby Heenan, SURVIVOR SERIES, on Bossman-I.R.S.: "I haven't seen that many punches thrown since Zsa Zsa Gabor fled from Beverly Hills." 2. Heenan, SS: "You know why that woman's in her seat? She's got a 300-pound can behind her." 3. Heenan, SS, on Davey Boy Smith: "Million-dollar body...10-cent mind, Whoopi Goldberg hairdo." 4. Jim Ross, WCW PRO: "Paul E. Dangerously's hair is provided by Cy Sperling--the president of the Hair Club of America." 5. Jerry Lawler, WMC, on Kimala: "He's like a dog. He does a trick, you give him a biscuit." 6. Ross, PRO, on J.B. Badd-Teddy Long: "Their relationship is much like Marla Maples and Donald Trump." 7. Ross, PRO, on Bobby Eaton: "Wrestling's version of Harpo Marx." 8. Randy Savage, SS: "The madness is gonna be all over you, Jake, like melting butter." 9. Heenan, SS: "Joe Louis. What a great hockey player he was!" 10. Heenan, SS, on Liz Poffo: "Most married women don't look that good." 11. Heenan, SS: "They're gonna rename Motown. They're gonna call it Cape Fear." 12. Steven DeTruth, PWTW: "Bull Pain and Samantha. Big, mean, nasty and ugly. But let's talk about Bull Pain for a minute." 13. DeTruth, PWTW, upon giving Scott Hudson bottle of Pepto Bismol: "This is for that verbal diarrhea you had last week." 14. Hudson, PWTW, on Bull Pain-Sam Houston feud: "Only Houston can prevent the running of this bull." 15. DeTruth, PWTW: "This is Point/Counterpoint, a weekly discussion of today's relevant issues in pro wrestling. And here's the most irrelevant issue in pro wrestling: Scott Hudson." 16. Hawk, SHOWDOWN: "It's a lot easier just to self burn up than it is to get the bile kicked out of your bladder and your bicusplids kicked out of your throat." 17. DeTruth, PWTW, on Paul E.: "President of the Steven DeTruth Fan Club, Scarsdale Chapter." 18. Curt Hennig, SS: "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Hulkamania finally had to bust." 19. The Warrior, WMC: "You don't have to be Ultimate to be a Warrior." 20. Vince McMahon, SHOWDOWN, to Heenan: "At least you're an equal opportunity offender." 21. Scott Anthony, ESPN: "We haven't see hide nor hair. Speaking of that, we haven't seen any hair on you, Hudson. In fact, that's the reason people tune in to Global Wrestling Federation is to see the light shining off of your bald spot." 22. Anthony, ESPN, on Terry Garvin: "He's just like Rocky Balboa. He just keeps coming and coming. Think about it, though, Rocky lost almost every fight he was in until the last couple of movies." 23. Gorilla Monsoon, WC: "President Jack Tunney says he'll be physically at ringside Tuesday night. Maybe he'll be there mentally, as well." 24. Tony Schiavone, JIM ROSS SHOW: "Got a scoop for you, I think you'll see Dusty (Rhodes) back wrestling somewhere within a year." 25. Paul E. Dangerously, WCW: "Maybe Ricky (The Dragon) Steamboat's wife or his four-and-a-half year-old son will get in there, if they can ever make up their minds." 26. Hennig/McMahon, SOW, on Hogan vs. Undertaker: (CH) "He's gonna have to pin the man, to be The Man." (V) "Where have I heard that before?"

STRONGEST COMMENTS - 1. Piper, SS, on Undertaker win: "With the help of Ric Flair, it's no different than David Duks becoming the Prez." 2. Flair, SS: "Jack Tunney, put that video distortion on the Real World Champion's belt and everyone pays the price!" 3. DeTruth, PWTW, on Kevin Von Erich: "Joe Pedidno's favorite wrestler on the planet." 4. Jake Roberts, SHOWDOWN, on Savage: "He won't be home for Christmas, baby." 4. Tony Schiavone, JIM ROSS SHOW: "Anything Vince McMahon is doing in the way of drug testing is a step behind us in WCW."

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - 1. Heenan, SS: "Know what L.O.D. means? It means Leave Old Detroit!" 2. DeTruth, PWTW: "What's (Ricky) Steamboat done since losing the WCW world title belt? Wearing lizard suits and drinking lighter fluid...Isn't that nice?" 3. McMahon, SHOWDOWN, to Heenan: "Wonder how you'd look in a kilt?" 4. Van Hammer, PRO: "How is computer software going to stand up to heavy metal hardware?" 5. Heenan, SS, on Sean Michaels: "Is he outta gas? Is he looking for the Shell Answer Man?" 6. Heenan, SHOWDOWN: "Know who should referee this match (L.O.D./Bossman vs. Natural Disasters/L.R.S.)? Quincy."

NICKNAMES OF THE WEEK - 1. COUSIN ITT (Piper on Flair). 2. THE NEW DEAN OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING (De Truth on Paul E.) 3. THE BOING BOING GIRL (Hudson on Reggie Bennett). 4. BOBSLED (Kevin [The Truth] Casey on Greg Bobchick. 5. MR. DUD (Doug Masters on Eddie Marlin). 6. DOUBLE BOWLING FOR DOLLARS (Heenan on Owen Hart double dropkick). 7. SPONTANEOUS HUMAN COMBUSTION (Hawk on L.O.D./Bossman).

TRUTH AWARD - Gorilla Monsoon, SS: "I don't know what's going on."

BEST PICTURES - 1. WC, Owen Hart doing sitdown backflip off ropes vs. Barry Horowitz. 2. WC, Jim Neldhart sending Owen flying onto Horowitz/Gill. 3. SS, Piper doing Curly Howard "pick two" on Flair. 4. SS, Undertaker pinning Hogan. 5. SS, Percy choking Hogan. 6. PRO, Air Pillman sending Eaton/Austin out. 7. PRO, Eaton prying at Pillman's nose & mouth. 8. PWTW, DeTruth giving Pepto Bismol to Hudson. 9. WCW, Air Pillman from seats onto Cactus.

ALL-CLICHE TEAM - 1. Monsoon, SS: "...close but no cigar." 2. Monsoon, SS: "...tension: you can cut it with a knife." 3. Monsoon, SS: "...irresistible force meets the immovable object." 4. Monsoon, SS: "...turnabout fair play." 5. Jeff Jarrett, WMC: "...fight fire with fire."

ENGLISH LESSON - 1. Corey Macklin, WMC, on Warriors: "They WAS here for some time." 2. Heenan, WC: "Why DON'T he mind his own business?"

BLOOPER AWARDS - 1. Sean Mooney, SS, telling Road Warriors/Bossman: "Now it appears it's going to be three-on-two." 2. Heenan, SS: "JIM Louis Arena--what a place!" 3. Eddie Gilbert, ESPN, for calling battle royal 10-man when it was a 12-man.

BOO AWARDS - 1. Heenan, SS, for making a joke of Detroit Lion Mike Utley's paralysis. 2. WWF, for ending of first SURVIVOR SERIES match. That got Flair over about as well as most of his screw-job wins or DQs in WCW. 3. WWF, for showing uncensored version of Jake-Savage cobra angle. Not only was it tasteless to show the kids crying, it was horrible to watch even for an adult. 4. WMC, for Jarrett/Fuller

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MATWATCHING

BAD SHOW, GOOD CROWDS: There is one bottom line. Even if the SURVIVOR SERIES was a creative disaster, the crowds were big for Titan over the weekend: 15,000 at Madison Square Garden and 10,000 in Philly for Flair-Hogan.

HE WAS TOLD: In case you were wondering, Gorilla Monsoon was reportedly told in his earpiece Sean Michaels indeed was pinned during the SURVIVOR event but still didn't acknowledge it on-air.

AND YOU WONDER?: WCW gave more fuel to Janet Clark's Florida House panel investigating pro wrestling in the Sunshine State. At Friday's St. Pete show (1,100 paid), no-shows were Johnny B. Badd (on a promo tour of England), Tom Zenk, Steve Austin and Richard Morton. And no-shows are among the biggest complaints in Florida.

THE SUBS: Here's how they subbed....in a six-man, Mike Graham teamed with Big Josh and Arachnabrad to d. Terrence Taylor/Thomas Rich and Tony Mello (Florida's Lebanese Assassin). And Brian Pillman beat Lou Perez in a light heavyweight title defense.

AT THE OMNI: The night before, Pillman and Badd were both no-shows and the crowd wasn't told why.

THANKSGIVING IN ATLANTA: An estimated 3,300 were at the Omni, lowest-ever for Turkey Night. Josh/Zenk/Brad d. York Foundation in what was billed as a 6-man title match but the crowd wasn't told the belts changed. Top bout of the night: a 45-minute Broadway for the world tag titles between Steamboat/Rhodes and Anderson/Eaton.

STAR SEARCH: WCW is holding a talent search for ring announcers in various regions to get some of the load off Gary Cappetta.

LATE-BREAKING NEWS?: Without the question mark, that's the new arena insert to WCW MAGAZINE. MATWATCHers are commenting on editor Dennis Brent's thinly-veiled slam at newsletter editors over the Paul E. Dangerously suspension reports. All I can say is: consider the source and the fact that the publication is designed for a different audience from bulletin readers.

AND FURTHER: Letters appeared in LBN from "Eddie Keller" of Minnesota and "Dave Hudson" of Atlanta.

BRUISE CRUISERS: Tony Schiavone subbed for Jim Ross on WSB-AM Sunday night but Jim called a report from the Bruise Cruise. He said Paul Neu had set a record for food consumption. Ross was on the boat through Wednesday (calling in nightly reports on THE WRESTLING HOTLINE) and Schiavone goes aboard the same day.

SHOOTOUT IN DALLAS: A crowd of 1,100 turned out for last Friday's Global tapings in Dallas. The Patriot (Del Wilkes) kept the North American belt over Scott Anthony. Eventually, expect a Patriot-Eddie Gilbert feud.

ACROSS LACROSSE: GWF's Craig Johnson has agreed to terms to do play-by-play for the Major Indoor Lacrosse League on national cable next year. He'll only have to miss two Global tapings for conflicting dates.

FAMILY WAY: Jeannie Clarke (former Lady Blossom) is

said to be expecting a child. Friends say she's about three months along.

MONDAY IN MEMPHIS: Jerry Lawler went after the "unified" USWA world title a ninth time in the Mid-South Coliseum vs. Kimala, who beat Lawler for the belt Nov. 25.

SATURDAY ON TV: A rather complicated show over the USWA tag title. First, Robert Fuller and Mike Mitchell d. Doug Masters/Bart Sawyer for the belts on the 25th. But Mitchell has already bolted, so Robert defended the titles solo and lost them to the Moondogs on WMC.

THE PLOT THICKENS: Masters/Sawyer earlier in the show beat Spirit of America (Randy Lewis)/J.T. Smith in a playoff for a title shot. But after the Moondogs cut open Fuller and Jeff Jarrett with a can opener, Eddie Marlin gave Jeff and Robert the shot. Doug and Bart screamed and challenged Fuller/Jarrett then and there. The two teams went about six minutes before the Moondogs ran in and cost the heels the shot. Now, you follow me?

THE REST OF THE STORY: So, Monday night, Fuller/Jarrett vs. Moondogs for the USWA tag title; in other bouts, Jarrett went against Jeff Gaylord; Eric Embry vs. Tom Prichard with Embry's Southern belt vs. Prichard-leave-Memphis stip; Masters/Sawyer vs. Spirit/Smith; Candyman vs. Gravedigger; Sandman vs. Brian Christopher; The Warrior vs. Tony Falk.

THERE, HE SAID IT: In the trading card graphics to run down the MSC card, a profile of Warrior is used which looks remarkably like Jim Hellwig. But this younger guy uses the line: "You don't have to be Ultimate to be The Warrior." Original.

AWF DEBUTS: If all of these people show, Gordon Scozarri is going to have a whale of a debut show for his American Wrestling Federation in Asbury Park NJ Dec. 14. Billed: Nikita Koloff vs. Paul Orndorff; Steve Williams vs. Dan Spivey (explosion match); Ronnie Garvin/Stam Lane vs. The Sheik/Sabu; Eddie Gilbert/Tom Prichard vs. Sunny Beach/Jeff Gaylord; Hercules Ayala (managed by Gilbert) vs. Manny Fernandez; Tim Horner/Jeff Jarrett vs. Bob Orton/Barry Horowitz and Dutch Mantel vs. Mike Sharpe.

AND FOR TV: The next day, AWF has booked a taping at Rutgers University. On the bill: Koloff-Fernandez, Williams-Ayala, Garvin-Orton, Gilbert-Beach, Orndorff-Adrian Street, Lane-Spivey and Junkyard Dog/Pez Whatley vs. Sheik/Sabu.

IN JANUARY: Scozarri has booked the Penta Hotel in New York Jan. 24 with Gilbert-Fernandez, Lane-Honky Tonk Man (managed by Boss Hogg), Orton-Gaylord, Samson-The Beast among the matches.

WIN OR LOSE: Howard Goldman is starting the Wrestling Independent Network (WIN) Feb. 7 in Dundalk MD, a Baltimore suburb. Among the premiere matches: Honky Tonk vs. Nikolai Volkoff, Tom Brandi vs. Scotty the Body (Scott Levy), Misty Blue Simmes vs. Linda Dallas, Rasta the Voodooon vs. Neil Superior, Adrian Hall vs. Ricky Blues, Bubba Monroe vs. Morgas the Maniac, the Lords of Darkness vs. the Cream Team. If you live in the area and want more info, call: (401) 833-1663.

ONE MORE: Max Thrasher defends his AWF (not Scozarri's group) title vs. Sledgehammer McGill on that card.

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But TBS Still Strong

RATINGS RAP

MATWATCHING (From Page 7)

WEAK EVE: WCW only drew 650 in The Baltimore Arena the night before Thanksgiving, which may have been their record low in their once-strongest city.

SHOWDOWN SNAPS STRING FOR WCW

Topping its year-ago first-run numbers by 19%, WWF SURVIVOR SERIES SHOWDOWN's Sunday edition has snapped a two-month string of WCW ratings victories, including six straight and eight of the last nine weeks.

For the week ending Nov. 26, SHOWDOWN's first showing scored a 3.7 rating and 5.2 per cent share of audience, well up from last year's 3.1/4. SHOWDOWN's encore last Monday registered a 2.8/4.1 to virtually match last year's repeat numbers. The two editions were seen in a combined 3.75 million homes, up 18% from last year.

But WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING continued its surge, scoring its highest rating in a year. The 3.3/6.2 for the post-CLASH episode was tops for all weekly series. Sunday's WCW MAIN EVENT finished in a virtual tie with WWF ALL-AMERICAN (its highest finish of the fall) and SHOWDOWN Monday at 2.8. SHOWDOWN claimed third in the Nielsen race by a slight homes margin.

WCW POWER HOUR posted its second straight week over a 2 rating, finishing with a 2.1/8.0, down just slightly from the previous week's record Saturday morning 2.2.

The low point for WCW came with the repeat of CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS. The critically-acclaimed Savannah show drew the second-lowest rating ever for an encore CLASH showing with a 1.4/3.3. The combined audience for the two showings was 3.25 million homes, down 6% from last year's THANKSGIVING THUNDER.

TAMPA TRAILS: Thanksgiving Day at the Sportatorium, ICWA drew 200 as Allen Iron Eagle d. Tommy Starr in a heavyweight title elimination; Coconut Man d. Jerry Flynn to get a shot at Pat Tanaka's light heavy belt and in a six-man, Dick Slater/Kevin Sullivan/Tex Salenger d. Terminator/Master Blaster/Ron Slinker.

PUSH 'EM BACK?: Mark Bagwell (Global's former Handsome Stranger) reportedly will not get the kind of push originally planned. WCW is said to be backing off for some unspecified reasons.

ANOTHER SWAN SONG: Jimmy Powell's Southern Championship Wrestling has folded. Its final card Nov. 15 featured Powell/Mike Golden/Ron Davis d. Jimmy Golden/Ronald P. Gossett IV/Larry Santana.

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WCW World Champ. (TBS 11/23)	3.3/6.2	1.9 million	3.2/7.3
WWF Showdown (USA 11/25)	2.8/4.1	1.63 million	2.8/4.2
WWF All-American (USA 11/24)	2.8/6.8	1.62 million	2.2/6.5
WCW Main Event (TBS 11/24)	2.8/4.7	1.6 million	3.1/5.4
WCW Power Hour (TBS 11/23)	2.1/8.0	1.22 million	1.6/6.7
WCW Clash (R) (TBS 11/26)	1.4/3.3	788,000	2.0/3.9

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bloodbath. I don't care how safe blading is, the recent stories on AIDS should be enough to stop this wretched practice.

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